

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA DIVISION

Myrtle R. Cooper,)	C/A No.: 3:11-591-CMC-SVH
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	
)	ORDER
Midlands Technical College,)	
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Defendant.)	
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This matter comes before the court on the motion to consolidate [Entry #40] and motion for an extension of time [Entry #48] filed by pro se Plaintiff Myrtle R. Cooper. All pretrial proceedings in this case were referred to the undersigned pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(e) (D.S.C.). For the reasons that follow, Plaintiff's motion to consolidate is denied and her motion for an extension is granted.

Plaintiff seeks to consolidate the above-captioned action with *Cooper v. Midlands Technical College Commission, et al.*, C/A No.: 3:12-140-CMC-SVH ("*Cooper II*"). *Cooper II* was filed ten months after the instant case and has not yet been served on the defendants in that case. In light of the early procedural posture of *Cooper II*, particularly the lack of service having yet been effected in that matter, Plaintiff's motion to consolidate [Entry #40] is denied without prejudice as premature at this time.

Plaintiff also moves for an extension of time to file a response to Defendant's motion for summary judgment. The court grants Plaintiff's motion [Entry #48] and

extends her deadline for responding to Defendant's motion for summary judgment to April 23, 2012.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shiva V. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

March 28, 2012
Columbia, South Carolina

Shiva V. Hodges
United States Magistrate Judge